

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact OSRAM SYLVANIA at (978) 777-1900.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure      of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
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- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document

Abstract of the Disclosure

Method for varying the power consumption of capacitive loads, in particular compact fluorescent lamps which are operated using a phase-gating dimmer by a converter (step-up converter). According to the invention, in the case of a nonconducting dimmer (i.e. no system power supply to the load), the switch (T1) in the converter (step-up converter) is closed. In the case of a conducting dimmer (i.e. when a system voltage is applied to the load), the step-up converter operation takes place until a predetermined maximum voltage is reached across the smoothing capacitor of the load.